

EGREMONT GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES October 16, 2013

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October 16, 2013, Chairman Marj Wexler called meeting to order at 4:01. Members present: Richard Allen, Susan Bachelder, Robin Goldberg, Juliette Haas, Tom Haas

- 1) The minutes from the August 20, 2013 and September 26, 2013 were approved.
- 2) **Transfer Station** Juliette met with Egremont's new transfer station operator Lou Rossi on-site to discuss various transfer station programs and operations. While there they observed a resident dumping bottles and cans (in CLEAR BAGS!!!) in the trash compactor. The bags were pulled and the resident was asked to either take them away or separate the material properly. Discussion ensued by committee as to what are best ways to enforce recycling laws in future: a "check bag day", better communication, recycling agent on site periodically during the year, etc. Susan suggested this encounter be subject of an upcoming newsletter EGC article.
- 3) **Community Compost Bin at Transfer Station** Material is being collected in the bin and diverted from solid waste stream. Operation is going well. The Town Administrator from Otis will be meeting with Juliette at the transfer station tomorrow. He is interested in getting ideas/information for one in his town. A sample kitchen scrap bucket (BioBag) with compostable bags was brought in. Manufacturer contacted Egremont and offered 100 free buckets with the of purchase 100 roles of bags at a cost of \$105.
- 4) **Solarize Mass:** The Great Barrington and Egremont teams are working on the joint proposal which is due October 22, 2013. Juliette will represent Egremont as Solar Coach and Mary Brazie as Municipal Representative. Roles for EGC members were discussed as followed: Marj Wexler, Community & Business Organization Coordinator, Susan Bachelder, Marketing & Media, Robin Goldberg and Maura Rose, Community Outreach. If we are accepted all members of the EGC will be enrolled in the effort. Discussion ensued regarding Egremont's budget of \$2500 for the project and whether the proposal should reflect Egremont will "gift" funds to Great Barrington. It was felt the budget should be viewed as \$5000 (\$2500 from each town) with itemized town expenses noted. Marj and Richard signed Green Committee letter of interest which will be part of proposal. We should hear if we accepted by late November/early December.

Meeting adjourned 5:01 pm. NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2013, 4 pm in Town Hall.

Submitted by Juliette Haas

Approved 11/13/2013 JSHaas